

ABSTRACT

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A videophone station is provided. The videophone station includes a digital processing unit operative to receive a distant person image and data relative to the distant person, a generally vertical first screen operative to display the data relative to the distant person or a distant person image received by the digital processing unit, a means of capturing an image of the local person, and a second screen arranged at a foot of the first screen and oriented on an inclined plane with respect to the horizontal between the first screen and the local person for displaying the data relative to the distant person when the first screen displays the distant person image. A videophone system and method are also provided for facilitating conversation between a local person and a distant person via a telecommunication network.